

In the matter of 1998 biennial Regulatory Review.
Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur
Service Rules.

FCC-WT Docket 98-143

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To Whom This May Concern:

On page 72 of the September 1998 issue of World-radio magazine I noted an article entitled "ARRL Asks FCC For License Restructuring". I thought that I read my QST's fairly well but I don't remember seeing any mention of this specific request. The author asks for comments on a webpage, since I am not into computers I will communicate in the old fashion way.

I am vehemently opposed to any change in license classifications and the requirements necessary to obtain a certain license. I believe that the use of our allotted frequencies is a very special privilege. Achieving that privilege by todays standards is no easy task, that is exactly as it should be. Any reduction in the current requirements will proportionately reduce a licensee's appreciation of that privilege. I would think that a change of this magnitude would be done only after at least a polling of the ARRL membership.

Sincerely,

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ps; Enclosed find a copy of page 72, note last sentence of the opening paragraph.

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ARRL asks FCC for license restructuring

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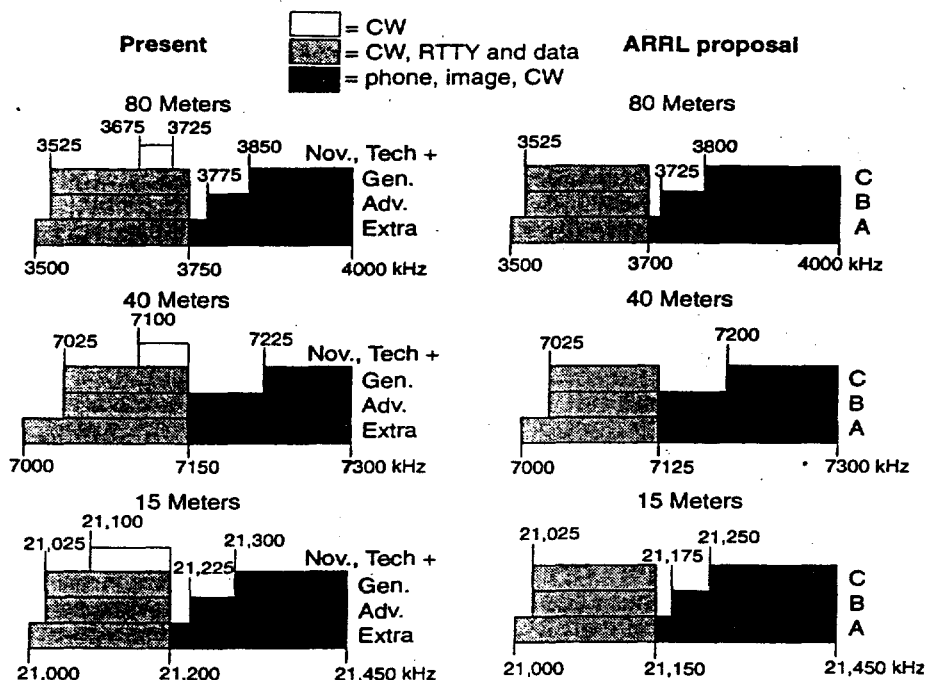
The ARRL has issued a proposal to the FCC to restructure the Amateur Radio license classes. The proposal first appeared on the ARRL webpage on Monday 20 July.

If adopted, the license structure would be:

Now	CW	Proposed CW
Amateur Extra	20	Class A 12
Advanced		Class B
General	13	Class C 5
Tech Plus	5	Class C 5
Novice	5	Class C 5
Technician		Class D

General, Technician Plus and Novice licensees would be grouped under the new Class C license and would have HF privileges currently available to General class licensees.

In addition, several of the amateur bands would have extended phone portions. The proposed expanded phone bands would be:



We would like to hear your comments on this proposal. To express your opinion, please leave your comments at the **Worldradio** webpage at: <http://www.wr6wr.com>



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